

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIGs. 1-4. These sheets replace the original sheets that included FIGs. 1-4.

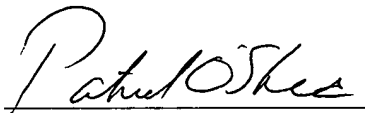
REMARKS

The specification and drawings have been amended following translation of the application from German to English. Claims 1-17 have been amended and claims 18-20 have been added. Claims 1-20 remain for consideration. No new matter has been added.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick J. O'Shea", is written over a horizontal line.

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